

# A DAREDEVIL DEED.

Carlos D. Graham Successfully Shoots the Lower Rapids of Niagara

# IN HIS PATENT BARREL.

He Comes Through Unscathed, and Calls it a Terrible Trip.

# TO TACKLE THE FALLS NEXT TIME

His Experience as Told by Himself—Sticks When He Went Into the Water—He Felt Worse Than the Four Condemned New York Murderers on Their Last Day—Horror of the Spectators as They Watched the Bobbing Cork—His Wife Had Urged Him Not to Make the Attempt—Urged Transit on the Water—His Body Somewhat Bruised, but He's Otherwise Unhurt.

Carlos Graham, the Niagara hero, as he will now be known, is positive that he can shoot the falls in his barrel. He went through the lower rapids yesterday, and, though badly shaken up, was not badly hurt. As he says, it was a terrible trip.

NIAGARA FALLS, August 25.—Carlos D. Graham this afternoon successfully performed the most daring feat which he has yet attempted at Niagara, and the treacherous water made him go beyond his expectations in showing what can be done in the gorge. Graham's ambition has been to go over Niagara, but to-day's adventure is just as dangerous, and a craft which will withstand the racking it receives over the rocks under the tempestuous lower rapids is sure to go over the falls all right. That is what Graham went to do.

The barrel used in this afternoon's trip was a new one, built of locust wood which came from China, and which was

STRONG AND TOUGH. It was like the barrel which Graham lost in the whirlpool two years ago, but is smaller. It is four and one-half feet tall, 22 inches in diameter across the head and 15 at the bottom. The diameter at the bulge near the top is 29 inches.

The barrel weighs 150 pounds, but the weight was increased fully 100 pounds by sand ballast and a drag piece of railroad iron. Besides this, the weight of the occupant would keep the barrel upright.

People here have refused to offer Graham any financial encouragement in these trips, and this was made principally as a preliminary to going over the cataract. His intention was known to-day, and the banks of the gorge were lined with

THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE, while the railroad bridge and elevators were crowded. Graham was made a hero by his friends, and they kept him up pretty nearly all last night. They crowded around him in Andrew Horn's hostelry, and one man offered to sign articles of agreement, with a \$50 forfeit, that he would accompany Graham if Constable Horn would not interfere. To-day he did not show up.

There was some talk of arresting Graham under the act making attempts at suicide a felony, but nobody took the initiative, and all arrangements were made to avoid interference. The barrel was secretly taken from town last night, and hidden near the old main line of the landing, just above the Cantleiver bridge, where its bright red upper works were first seen in the water shortly before the starting time. Steve Brodie was understood to be in town, and an effort was made to find him so he could be invited to join in the launching party.

AS BAD AS IF CONDEMNED. While Graham's friends were busy with these preparations this morning, he laid down for a nap. When he was awakened he said: "I feel worse than those four murderers down in New York did on the day they were to be executed." Graham had come down from fear. He had arranged to go through without any hammock or harness, such as have been used in previous attempts. "It's too bad," said one of his friends, "to see him go that way, for he will break his neck sure. One turn of the barrel will knock him out. We might as well get his measure for a coffin."

The rest of the crowd looked gloomy. If it was not for the prospecting the barrel, Graham would not have made the trip. He was quite sick beforehand, and had been since yesterday. He refused to drink some brandy offered him, and slid down the manhole into the barrel. Charles Wiedman, John Keplord and John Wieseneberger towed the cork to the center of the river and set it adrift at 4:30 o'clock. It drifted slowly under the railroad bridges, giving Graham a chance to fasten the manhole cover with an iron bar and brace himself for the danger ahead.

The suspense was not long, for in a few moments the barrel was buried in the first breaker of the whirlpool rapids. As the gorge slightly narrows and the current strikes the rocks it becomes a boiling, seething mass, through which hardly anything can hope to safely pass. Graham's barrel got the full benefit of the anger of the torrent, and the spectators shuddered as they saw the barrel overturned, spun like a top, or buried under a huge wave. When a quiet bit of the angriest water in the world, as Captain Webb called it, was reached, the barrel recovered its buoyancy and

DASHED MADLY THROUGH PROUDLY into the whirlpool. The mile of rapids had been shot in 3½ minutes, a 20-mile-an-hour gain.

Graham had not time to open the manhole cover in the whirlpool. His barrel rode quickly to the center of the main torrent, and was carried toward the Canada shore, passing by a crowd of rescuers on the point. Constable Horn, with a rope attached to his waist, stood on a rock ready to spring into the water to aid the navigator, and William Devere, the theatrical man who has backed Graham in previous attempts, was there with a crowd to help him.

A fountain of foam overtopped Horn, and Graham's barrel passed down the river into the Devil's rapids, beyond reach. "That

# SETTLES HIM,"

remarked Mr. Horn. "He was not well enough to go this far, and the Devil's rapids will kill him." The party, including THE DISPATCH reporter, drove down to Lewiston in a carriage, but the rapids carried the barrel

FASTER THAN ELBERT HORSES could go, and it was lost sight of after it had been apparently drawn under by the manhole from Devil's hole.

These lower rapids are faster, madder and more rocky than the ones above the whirlpool, and the danger is greater than in the upper rapids, through which ex-Policeman Kendall, of Boston, swam in August, 1886, and in which Captain Webb lost his life.

Graham was found at Lewiston, where he had been rescued, more dead than alive, by John Lonsdale and Seymour Fleming. He was in the barrel only 25 minutes after getting in, and, although for the time he was floating in smooth water, he made the average of angry rapids in ten minutes, averaging 25 miles an hour.

When Graham had sufficiently recovered from the shock he told the story of the adventure in a modest manner. "This is the roughest experience," he said to THE DISPATCH reporter, "that I ever want to have. I made the trip in 25 minutes, but

IT SEEMED AN AGE, and I did not know any minute but I would be dashed to death on the hidden rocks which abound in the gorge. When they let go of the barrel, above the Cantleiver bridge, I fastened the manhole over so tightly that I was in pitch darkness and couldn't see the other side of the barrel. I braced myself in a crouching position, and waited for the battle with the water.

I heard a train rumbling over the bridge just then; visions of home and my family were buried in the darkness. I had not told my wife in Buffalo when I came down that I would make the attempt. She had urged me not to. My little girl followed me to the cars, and said pathetically: 'Come home soon, won't you papa?'

"Just then I struck the rapids," and was nearly thrown on my head, my arms and legs having become cramped, but the barrel

TURNED RIGHT SIDE UP in a minute. The blood, which had rushed to my head, returned to my body, and I took a fresh breath, crouching as low down as I could on the cork. I felt sick, though I have crossed the ocean many times. I nearly fainted from the heat until the water began to drip in through the tightly-closed manhole, forced in by the pressure when the barrel was sucked down by the undercurrent. This was a new danger, for the barrel was so heavily weighted that if too much water entered it would sink. I gave a quick look around, and my body had been badly bruised from being overturned so often. It was a terrible trip."

# A PUBLIC BENEFACTOR.

The Death of Henry Shaw, the Venerable Philanthropist, of St. Louis—His Career From Poverty to Wealth—The Famous Botanical Garden.

ST. LOUIS, August 25.—Henry Shaw, the venerable philanthropist and the benefactor of St. Louis ever had, died at 3:25 this morning. He died without showing evidence of physical pain or mental suffering. As his bedside were Mrs. Julius Morris, Mr. Shaw's sister, and a number of his most intimate friends.

Henry Shaw was an Englishman by birth. At the age of 19 he came to America and located in St. Louis, arriving here on May 4, 1810. He first embarked in the hardware business, and for a time was proprietor, clerk and porter. He also gave some attention to the study of the globe, and after 20 years' experience he was able to retire from business, which he did at the age of 40. He went abroad and visited nearly every quarter of the globe, being away from this country about ten years. It was upon his return that he commenced the study and cultivation of plants and flowers, and it was in the prosecution of these studies that he met the now world-famous botanical gardens of his origin. He made his gardens and estate a free to the public.

At the death of Henry Shaw, the famous botanical gardens became the property of the State of Missouri. Another and perhaps more valuable munificence was the gift to the city of Tower Grove Park, a beautiful tract of 240 acres, which he had purchased in 1839. He had a residence, where he died, was at Tower Grove Park, and he passed but little time at his home town home. Mr. Shaw's estate is valued at \$2,500,000, and it is thought the greater part will be left to the city of St. Louis in various bequests. Mr. Shaw was by leaning an Episcopalian, and the venerable institutions of the church, it is understood, will be particularly benefited by his will. The only relatives of deceased in this country are his sister, Mrs. Julius Morris, and his cousin, Mr. Frank Bradbury. A large number of distant relatives reside in Manchester, England.

# DISASTER ON WATER.

Two River Steamers Meet in Collision Near Cincinnati, and Another is Totally Destroyed by Fire—Narrow Escape of the Engineer.

CINCINNATI, August 25.—At 10 o'clock to-night the Coney Island steamer "Commonwealth," coming down the river, came into direct collision with the little harbor steamer "Lame Duck," going up the river, just a quarter of a mile above the Newport and Cincinnati bridge. The "Commonwealth" was annihilated the "Lame Duck." There was a crew of five on the "Lame Duck" and four of them were picked up uninjured by men in a yawl.

Mr. George B. Alexander, the engineer, and the fifth man on the little craft, went under the revolving paddle wheels of the big steamer, and he was picked up by others who drew him on the boat, where he was found to be uninjured. The "Lame Duck" was valued at \$2,000. The Commonwealth immediately after the collision discharged her boiler, and all passengers and crew returned to her landing.

At 11:35, less than an hour and a half after the collision, the fine passenger steamer "Cincinnati" was on fire. A double alarm sounded, but it was of no use. The big steamer burned to the water's edge in less than three-quarters of an hour. She is a total loss. No lives were lost, and the fire started. The loss is about \$30,000, pretty well insured.

# A UXORICIDE IN DANGER.

A Kansas Mob Making Preparations for a Lynching Bee.

WICHITA, Kan., August 25.—A dispatch is just received by Sheriff Hays from Eldorado, stating that on Friday a double alarm was given, and a train load of men had just left there for Wichita to take from jail wife murderer Snyder and his mother and lynch them. Hays is making ready for a guard of 50 men, and has notified the city police to respond promptly at any call. Some days ago Snyder was rescued from a mob at Eldorado, and brought here for safe keeping.

# SAVED BY A BOOK.

A Plucky Young Baltimorean's Almost Miraculous Escape—Attacked by a Bar-atar With a Razor—His Note-Book Saved His Life.

BALTIMORE, August 25.—A murder very nearly like the local homicide in Brooklyn was being perpetrated this morning by a morocco-covered notebook which Mr. Frederick Bates, son of the senior member of the jewelry house of Hennigan, Bates & Co., carried in his breast pocket. Mr. Bates, who is 21 years of age, sleeps at his father's house in Park avenue during the absence of the family at the seashore. Beside him are two servants, who occupy the upper floor.

About 1 o'clock this morning he was awakened by noise like the rattling of silver. He remained quiet until the sound was repeated. Then, throwing on his coat and arming himself with a revolver, he started down stairs and silently groped his way to the dining room. As he entered he could just make out, near the window facing the back yard, the figure of a man in a stooping position, the figure of a man in a stooping position, the figure of a man in a stooping position.

He reached the door, and he leveled his revolver and fired at the thief. Before he had time to determine whether the bullet had taken effect, he heard a noise in his rear. He wheeled around, and he saw a man, who was slinking out from under the window, and he leveled his revolver and fired at the thief. Before he had time to determine whether the bullet had taken effect, he heard a noise in his rear. He wheeled around, and he saw a man, who was slinking out from under the window, and he leveled his revolver and fired at the thief.

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# FRED DOUGLASS ALL RIGHT.

His Recall as Minister to Hayti Not at All Probable.

WASHINGTON, August 25.—The reports that the President would probably withdraw the appointment of Hon. Fred Douglass as Minister to Hayti were not at all probable. No such movement has at any time been canvassed between the President and the State Department during the apparent ascendancy of Legitimé, and certain Douglass is not at all likely to be recalled. No such movement has at any time been canvassed between the President and the State Department during the apparent ascendancy of Legitimé, and certain Douglass is not at all likely to be recalled.

When Admiral Gherardi telegraphed that the new Minister should come at once it was not at all probable that the entire fleet would be sent to the new order of things in Hayti. It is hinted, however, by an official of the State Department that notwithstanding the request of the Admiral, the department will not recall Douglass. It is not at all probable that the entire fleet would be sent to the new order of things in Hayti. It is hinted, however, by an official of the State Department that notwithstanding the request of the Admiral, the department will not recall Douglass.

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# NO WONDER THEY DESERT.

A Soldier's Life Is Not What It is Cracked Up to Be.

ST. LOUIS, August 25.—The Post-Dispatch prints a page article giving the experience of a reporter who enlisted as a soldier and investigated the causes of so many desertions. The reporter is Frank Woodward, formerly of Minneapolis, served three months as a recruit at Jefferson Barracks, near this city, and then secured his discharge. The revelations are interesting, owing to the fact that during the year ending about June 1, out of an army of about 250,000 men there were 2,842 desertions, or an increase over the previous year of 372. The story shows that enlisted men in the United States army are treated worse than slaves, many of them even being flogged.

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# A BLOW TO THE BLOWERS.

The Flint Glass Workers Refuse to Cooperate With the Strike.

PHILADELPHIA, August 25.—It has just been made known that the recent conference held in this city between the executive boards of the American Flint Glass Workers' Union and Green Glass Blowers' Assembly No. 199, Knights of Labor, resulted in the refusal of the first glass workers to cooperate with the second glass workers in their efforts to resist a reduction in wages announced by the various manufacturing concerns. The first glass men have arranged a schedule of wages which will go into operation when the strike starts next month, while the green glass manufacturers insist that a reduction shall be made before they will commence work for the fall. The blowers were confident of receiving the support of the first glass men, and that confidence led Master Workman John Coffey to predict an early and satisfactory settlement of the dispute.

The refusal is a severe blow to the hopes of the blowers, and their course of procedure has not yet been determined upon.

# A DEFICIENT GAS RANGE.

Causes a Fire at Columbus Which Does \$100,000 Worth of Damage.

COLUMBUS, August 25.—Fire broke out in the Sterne Chittenden building at High and Gay streets at an early hour this morning. Owing to the fact that it was in the heart of the city, it caused much alarm. The fire started in a gas range, and it had gained considerable headway before the department arrived. The department was not able to get under control at that time. The loss will figure about \$100,000, several stocks of goods there, and the building was badly damaged. This is perhaps an exaggerated estimate, as the damaged stock can part of it be utilized, and a thorough examination has not as yet been made. Nearly everything is covered by insurance.

# AS BIG AS A BARREL.

Was the Stream That First Came Through a Rhode Island Dam.

# JOHNSTOWN ON A SMALL SCALE.

Three Persons Drowned by the Bursting of a Reservoir.

THE NARRATIVE OF AN EYE WITNESS. He Makes a Heroic Rescue of a Boy Who Was in Imminent Danger.

A reservoir near Fiskville, R. I., burst yesterday, flooding the surrounding country. Three persons were drowned. The giving way of the dam is minutely described by an eye witness.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., August 25.—The Spring Lake reservoir, near Fiskville, in the southwest corner of Cranston, about 15 miles from the city, which supplies a whole row of mill villages, burst this afternoon. Three persons were drowned and some damage done to property.

A man named Yeaw, who was about a quarter of a mile off, noticed the water coming through the masonry of the dam as he described it, but he was not able to get to the dam in time. He was walking through a strip of wood, and they were found in the wood, through which the water quickly ran, until it emptied into the Pawtucket river.

The river rose rapidly and caused considerable alarm among people along its banks, who thought that the Pongonasset reservoir, the biggest in the State, had gone. Many of the people were in the woods, and the water was rising rapidly. The water was rising rapidly and caused considerable alarm among people along its banks, who thought that the Pongonasset reservoir, the biggest in the State, had gone.

The dam was built in 1887 for the service of the Pawtucket Valley Company redeeming a small swampy pond, locally known as Spring Lake. The dam covered 18 acres, contained 35,000,000 gallons of water. The dam is 925 feet long, 17 feet 9 inches high and 8 feet wide on top and 35 feet wide at the bottom. The embankment is composed of clay and gravel, and is well puddled. The lower slope is retained by a stone wall and the upper slope is paved with stone.

H. B. Burton, a civil engineer, living in the vicinity of the dam, saw the gap left by the water in between 60 and 70 feet. It is just above the waste pipe. The man Yeaw is the only witness to any part of the disaster. Nothing is known of the three people drowned in the woods, and the excited villagers, learning the dam had given away, hurried up the valley and loaded the bodies on the way. The reservoir was practically empty.

The cause of the bursting of the dam is believed to be a spring that existed under the middle of the dam. The builders did not take sufficient account of the water in the spring and it undermined the dam. East Dodge, 9 years old, was with the party that was overtaken and drowned. He escaped with bruises by clinging to a tree.

# TRAVELING ON THE TRUCKS.

A Young Couple Beating Their Way From California to New York.

DENVER, August 25.—Several months ago Charles Fick of San Francisco, a clerk, while attempting to board a railroad train, was over some ropes into the arms of Miss Mary Rathburne, daughter of a retired merchant of San Francisco. A few nights afterward they met at a social party, and from that time on a friendship sprang up. It is believed that the couple are now on their way to New York, and that they will be married there.

From Sacramento they beat their way over the Central Pacific Railroad by riding on freight trains and on the backs of passenger coaches. A week ago they arrived at Ogden, and, desiring to see some Colorado scenery they started for the Rio Grande. After having been put off a half dozen trains they were finally taken to the Rio Grande. As it happened, the train was late, and a Grand Army excursion train out last night, and the couple managed to go on the train as porters. To-night they will reach Denver, and they will be married there.

# A FARMER'S FUNERAL FIRE.

Philip Heinicke Gets Out of Bed and Cremates Himself in His Barn.

PINE GROVE, Pa., August 25.—Philip Heinicke, a German farmer of Pine Grove township, aged 67 years, and living about two miles northeast of the borough, deliberately set fire to his barn this morning and was himself burned up in it.

Just before midnight Mr. Heinicke noticed his barn was on fire. He put on his children, Eleanor and Emma (who slept in another room), good-by, he went downstairs and taking a handful of matches went to the stable, where he loosened the cattle, drove them in the street and fired. He is the supposition that he threw himself into the flames, and when the ruins fell together his body rolled outside the wall, where it was found this morning.

# A GOVERNOR INJURED.

The Executive of West Virginia Figures in a Near Whirl.

CHARLESTON, W. Va., August 25.—Governor E. W. Wilson and his aged father-in-law, Dr. J. T. Cotton, met with a very serious accident last evening while out driving. The horse, a fiery animal, took fright at a point where the road ran along the edge of a 35-foot bank and finally fell over the edge, carrying Dr. Cotton with him. Governor Wilson was thrown out falling on the edge of the bank, where he made a desperate effort to save the horse from going over, but was unsuccessful. Dr. Cotton, who was at his left shoulder broken, and the Governor was painfully hurt about the legs and is confined to his bed.

# IN A NEW GUISE.

Ross Raymond, the Notorious, Turns Up in Regard—At His Old Tricks—The Name Under Which He Is Now Selling.

NEW YORK, August 25.—Inspector Byrnes received on Saturday a letter and photograph from John C. Derebar, Chief Constable of Blackpool, England. The picture was labeled "Ernest Neville Kolfe," but the inspector recognized it as Ross Raymond's. The letter asked if the New York police knew Kolfe, who was recently committed at the Manchester Asylum for passing a forged bill of exchange for \$21 note. John Harling, director of the Blackpool Winter Garden. The bill purported to be signed by George Augustus Sala.

The inspector sent word to the Blackpool authorities that Raymond, alias Captain Rexford, alias Frank Neville, alias Frank Kolfe, alias Ernest Norton, became known here in 1871, when he arrived from Chicago and got work on the Herald. In 1873 he was arrested on a charge of passing a forged bill of exchange for \$21 note. He was sentenced to two years in State's prison for stealing an overcoat from the Fifth Avenue Hotel. On July 28, 1886, he was arrested for passing a forged check on Proprietor Edmund Knop, and was sentenced to two years in the State's prison. He was released after serving his sentence he went to Philadelphia, where he passed more bogus checks and skipped to Boston, where he was arrested and sent to the State's prison. From Paris he went to London, and afterward turned up at Alexandria, Egypt, as "Bennett Burleigh," a correspondent for the London Standard. He was arrested while passing a forged check and was sentenced to two years in the State's prison. 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